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**BY ECF**

The Honorable Gregory H. Woods  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007

Re: *First Look Institute, Inc., et al. v. National Institutes of Health,*  
No. 21 Civ. 4024 (GHW)

Dear Judge Woods:

In accordance with the Court's order dated August 16, 2023 (ECF No. 68), we write respectfully on behalf of the parties to provide a status report in this Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") matter.

Since their last status report (ECF No. 66), the parties have continued to confer in an effort to resolve any outstanding issues, and they agree that a pre-motion conference to discuss potential cross-motions for summary judgment is unnecessary at this time. The parties are exploring the potential for resolution of this matter in its entirety, without the need for further litigation. To allow those discussions to continue, we respectfully request permission to submit a further status report by no later than Tuesday, October 17, 2023. In the event the parties either agree on a resolution of this matter or determine that resolution is not feasible prior to October 17, they will alert the Court promptly.

We thank the Court for its consideration of this letter.

Respectfully submitted,

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